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In re Application of :  
Norman William Macleod :  
Application No. 09/581,978 : DECISION GRANTING  
Filed: 20 June, 2000 : PETITION  
Attorney Docket No. P0557/7030 :

This is a decision on the petition filed on 28 April, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.10(c) requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of 20 June, 2000, rather than the presently accorded filing date of 21 August, 2000.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on 20 June, 2000. In support, on 28 April, 2003, petitioner supplied a copy of a USPS Express Mail Post Office to Addressee label bearing Express Mail label No. EM529190415US (the same Express Mail number found on the itemized transmittal sheet accompanying the original application papers located in the official file) and a "date-in" and official USPS postmark of 20 June, 2000.

In view of the above, the petition is granted.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to 20 June, 2000, and for issuance of a corrected filing receipt.

Thereafter, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 1700 for further examination.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6918.

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